

**Food processing centres in the country**

1180. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up 500 food processing centres in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of centres set up State-wise, as on 31st October, 2006; and

(d) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Government does not set up food processing industries on its own. However, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been implementing a Plan scheme to provide financial assistance for technology upgradation/modernization/establishment of food processing industries. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided in the form of grant - in - aid to all implementing agencies @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas. The total number of food processing units approved for assistance during the 10th Plan Period, State-wise, as on 31.11.2006 is given in the Statement (See below). The total amount of assistance provided under the scheme during the 10th Plan period till 30th November, 2006 is Rs. 218.67 crores.

**Statement**

*Number of Food Processing Units approved during 10th Five Year Plan  
(as on 30.11.2006)*

State/UT	Approved food processing units
Andhra Pradesh	86
Arunachal Pradesh	1
Assam	33
Bihar	3
Chhattisgarh	7
Delhi	4
Goa	3

State/UT	Approved food processing units
Gujarat	36
Haryana	23
Himachal Pradesh	23
Jammu & Kashmir	14
Jharkhand	4
Karnataka	53
Kerala	46
Madhya Pradesh	22
Maharashtra	135
Manipur	8
Meghalaya	3
Mizoram	4
Nagaland	3
Orissa	7
Pondicherry	4
Punjab	68
Rajasthan	33
Tamil Nadu	73
Tripura	4
Uttar Pradesh	73
Uttaranchal	20
West Bengal	45

**Food safety and standard authority for food processing sector**

1181. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up the food safety and standard authority to oversee the entire food manufacturing and processing sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is being ensured to check food adulteration;

(d) if not, the steps taken by Government to create standards and guidelines on food;